

## MRS. M. E. HOBSON'S DEATH.

AN EARNEST CHRISTIAN WOMAN  
GONE TO HER REST.

The demise of a woman whose life was a life of service to her fellow men, and whose death was a great loss to the community, is the subject of this notice.

Mrs. Mary E. Hobson is dead, and for her death her family and friends, mourn. At her late residence, corner of Fifth and Grace streets, at a quarter to 8 o'clock yesterday morning, she took her final breath, and she departed this life as calmly and peacefully as if asleep.

Mrs. Hobson for over a year had been in ill health, but no one thought the end so near. She was out only a few days ago, and the announcement of her death was a great surprise to many.

Mrs. Hobson was the wife of Dr. J. V. Hobson, who for years has practiced in this city. She was born in Lynchburg, Va., in 1816, and was the daughter of the late John Bullock, of that city, and sister of Colonel W. G. Bullock, who is now a resident of Lynchburg. In Bedford county, in 1833, she married Dr. Hobson and came to Richmond about twenty years ago.

WORK AMONG THE POOR.

Mrs. Hobson was for many years an earnest laborer among the obscure poor and destitute of this city, and was a visitor of the City Mission. Her territory was along the canal bank, near the City Jail, and on days or nights she was ever at work in her deeds of charity. She ministered to the sick, and by her kind words and healing hands, she won the love and respect of many of the poor, who were now ready to call her blessed.

Her heart was ever filled with sympathy for the destitute, and it was seldom that in her visits to the sick she did not carry some dainty to please the appetite and cheer the sufferer. Not only did she distribute the City Mission's aid, but her purse was always open, and she and her husband were in the habit of visiting the poor, and the poor always have a word to say.

All of her associates in the Mission will mourn sincerely the death of this noble woman, and her death will be a great loss to the workers, and one that did not little to keep up the institution.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Mrs. Hobson was a devout member of St. James' church, and was also ever working for the Protestant Episcopal Church Home, on Fourth street.

The impressive service of the Episcopal Church, conducted by Rev. Dr. Peterson and Rev. Preston Nash, was held at her late residence yesterday afternoon, and was attended by many friends of the deceased.

The interment will take place in Lynchburg, the remains to be carried by the Richmond and Albemarle railroad this morning at 9 o'clock. The pall-bearers are as follows: Messrs. John Notting, Joseph Bryan, Marion Dimmock, and Samuel J. C. Lee, and Dr. Richard Crouch.

Mrs. Hobson leaves only two children, who are now residents of Lynchburg, and are Mrs. General J. Holmes Smith, and Mrs. Dr. E. A. Craighead. Both arrived in the city yesterday.

AT OLD MARKET HALL.

Addresses by Dr. Tudor and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Hobson.

Notwithstanding the fact that Saturday night is an inconvenient time for leaving home, another large congregation was assembled last night in the Old Market Hall to hear the last lecture in that place by Francis Murphy.

The service was opened with song. Mr. Murphy read a part of the fourth chapter of Matthew, beginning: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." His address was very touching.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Waldrop. After another hymn Mr. Murphy said we are now going to take up the last collection. "Don't you people give anything at all, at all, unless you can spare it. Don't you give anything unless you have it to spare." Now, brethren, get the big hats and gloves.

After several short talks by his converts, Mr. Murphy introduced Rev. Dr. Tudor, of Richmond. He spoke in glowing terms of the good work done by Mr. Murphy in Norfolk, where Dr. Tudor was formerly pastor. He said Mr. Murphy's work was indeed blessed, and that his prayer was that God might speed the day when the angel would be wiped from the face of the earth; when neither soldier, sailor, nor civilian would use it.

In speaking of the photographs which were taken for sale for the benefit of the Norfolk Union, Mr. Murphy said: "I tell you mine is awfully handsome, but my wife's is superlative. Now, please leave that to the paper."

Mrs. Pleasant, president of the W. C. T. U., was presented, and she made a good talk.

THE WIFE.

After much persuasion, Mr. Murphy succeeded in getting his wife to go on the platform and address the audience. Her appearance was received with the warmest and most enthusiastic applause, and though plainly embarrassed, her words were very appropriate. When she had finished speaking, Mr. Murphy said: "And that splendid! If she can talk with an audience, don't you know she can talk with when there is just one to listen?"

Her short address was then made by Rev. Mr. Waldrop.

Owing to the condition of Mr. Murphy's throat he only spoke a very short while himself, urging all to hurry to sign the pledge and to put away strong drink.

During the singing which followed the pledges and the collection, the number which signed to-night making a total about 8,000 during Mr. Murphy's efforts in the city.

Mr. Murphy will speak this evening at the First Colored Baptist church, and at night he will deliver his last talk in the city at Baptist Tabernacle, on West Grace.

LITTLE BULLETS.

Interesting Facts to Military Men—Cavalry Promotions.

The Chesterfield Cavalry, Captain David Moore, will hold a drill at Morrisett's, in Swansboro, next Wednesday at 12 o'clock.

Lieutenant P. A. Hall has been elected captain of the Hanover Troop, to succeed Captain Williams, who was promoted to major; Sergeant Howard, and elected first lieutenant; Sergeant Nelson, second lieutenant.

There was only one enlistment in the First Regiment last week—Herndon Courtney to Company C.

The furlough of Corporal William D. Gray and Private Charles Ball, Company D, First Virginia Regiment, expiring on December 11, 1890, the same will be continued for ninety days to January 10, 1891.

Private C. W. Taylor, Company A, First Virginia Regiment, is discharged this day by reason of his having left the State, not to return.

Private E. M. Epps, Company A, is furloughed from October 2, 1890, to January 1, 1891.

Private B. B. Young, Company A, is furloughed from November 21, 1890, to January 1, 1891.

Private A. L. Grippich, Company A, is furloughed from November 28, 1890, to January 1, 1891.

ARRESTS YESTERDAY.

Snack Thief—Umbrella-Stealer—Took a Shotgun.

A thief entered the residence of Mr. G. G. Glover, 214 east Grace street, shortly after dark last night, and stole three umbrellas and a hat, and then entered Mr. G. J. Herndon's house, 2104 east Grace street, and stole an overcoat and a silver-plated pitcher.

Policeman A. A. Okey saw the thief and chased him for some distance, but failed to catch him. He dropped the overcoat, pitcher and two umbrellas, which were returned to their owners.

W. C. Blanch was arrested yesterday and lodged in the first police station for stealing an umbrella from Felix Keegan and a razor from G. E. McKean. On his person was found a gold medal in the shape of a star.

A Very Devoted Sister.

The following paragraph from the Washington Post was shown Chief-of-Police Post, but he says he does not know to whom it refers.

On a Philadelphia train that came through here the other day the passengers observed a considerable number of women who were so entirely absorbed in their own other that they were not separated for a minute the whole trip. When she wanted to walk on the platform in Baltimore he immediately stepped up and down the stairs, and never spoke a word, save when necessary, and the people concluded that a hon. and a very devoted sister.

Several Telegrams in Upright Positions.

Walter D. Moses & Co., 1005 Main street (opposite postoffice).

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